

**STATE OF MICHIGAN
LAND BANK FAST TRACK AUTHORITY BOARD
MEETING MINUTES**

**Wednesday, March 21, 2018 9:00 A.M.
MEDC Lake Michigan Conference Room**

Members Present:

Roger Curtis, Chairman
Michael Turnquist
Laura J. Mester
Ronald Smedley
Eric Scorsone

Staff Present:

Josh Burgett
Patrick Ennis
Jeff Huntington
Linda Horak
Ryan McNeil
Brian Woodin
Jim Tischler
Carolyn Latin-Smith

Erik Graney-AG Office

1. Call to Order
Roger Curtis, Chair called the meeting to order at 9:00 am.
2. Roll Call
Roll Call taken. Quorum established. Chairman Curtis welcomed all attendees to the meeting and asked if there were any public comments.
3. Public Comments - the following individuals addressed the Board:

Karen Hammer, member of the Greenacres Woodward Civic Association (GWCA), in union with the, State Fairgrounds Development Coalition are promoting the Michigan Energy-Technology-Agriculture Expo (META-Expo) a grass-roots vision for the Fairgrounds property since 2012.

Peter Rhodes, active member of the Greenacres group commented he attended this meeting in December and is encouraged to see the progress made thus far.

Frank Hammer, an original appointee by the Governor to the State Fairgrounds Sale Advisory Committee stated he is pleased at the involvement of the City of Detroit and is anxious for the next phase of the project to get underway.

Jeff Jones, Director of Community Organizing with Doing Development Differently in Metro Detroit (D4) commented that their mission is to partner with grassroots organizations engaged in community benefit campaigns. He stated, that GWCA has worked long and hard with a number of community agencies to influence this development project and he applauds their efforts, the Michigan Land Bank, as well as the City and Magic Plus.

Gary Hanafee, stated he is happy to see activity, he made mention that this location is one of the largest development sites in Detroit and to be mindful of restoring its historic elements to the extent possible.

Jim Casha read from a prepared statement his disappointment in the Michigan Land Bank handling of the Michigan State Fairgrounds property. He advised the Board to cancel the current Purchase Agreement with Magic Plus and return the property to the citizens of the State of Michigan.

Brian Colfer, stated that he agreed with Mr. Casha's comments.

4. Approval of Agenda

The motion was made by Michael Turnquist to approve the agenda as presented. Eric Scorsone seconded the motion. Motion carried without dissent.

5. Approval of Meeting Minutes from December 12, 2017

The motion was made by Ronald Smedley to approve the minutes of December 12, 2017. Laura Mester seconded the motion. Motion carried without dissent.

6. Director's Report

Josh Burgett reviewed the following Land Bank initiatives:

Hardest Hit Fund; Detroit House of Corrections (DeHoCo); Highland Park High School; Highland Park RFP; 719 Prospect Avenue NE, Grand Rapids; Muskegon Heights Schools; and DTMB Real Estate Division.

Director Burgett reviewed the CY 2018 Property Information numbers, MLBFTA Strategic Plan progress to date, the 2017 Annual Report (distributed at this meeting) as well as reported on the Director's Exercise of Delegation of Authority. Additional reports reviewed include MLBFTA Disposition Report and MLBFTA Inventory Report.

7. Michigan Land Bank Fast Track Spending Plan and Fund Balance

The FY 2018 Spending Plan and the Fund Balances through 3/4/2018 were reviewed.

8. Michigan State Fairgrounds Property

Director Burgett reported that the Land Bank has engaged with the Developer (Magic Plus, LLC) and the City of Detroit in extensive talks and negotiations on the development and disposition of the state fairgrounds and have reached an agreement in principle.

Resolution 2018 -1 Authorization to Amend Purchase Agreement and Dispose of State Fairgrounds Property was presented.

The motion was made by Eric Scorsone to approve Resolution 2018-1 Authorization to Amend Purchase Agreement and Dispose of State Fairgrounds Property as presented. Laura Mester seconded the motion. Motion carried without dissent.

Chairman Curtis took this opportunity to commend the Director, as well as all stakeholders involved in the disposition of the State Fairgrounds property. Chairman Curtis further commented on the great progress made thus far on many fronts by Director Burgett in less than a full year in the position. Eric Scorsone concurred with those sentiments.

9. State Surplus Redevelopment Initiative

Director Burgett reported on regular meetings and discussions with the DTMB Real Estate Division and other state agencies regarding assisting with the disposition of state surplus real property for redevelopment and disposition. In support of these efforts it is recommended that the Land Bank pursue these opportunities and utilize any proceeds from such sales for redevelopment and disposition related costs on other state surplus real property held by the Land Bank.

Resolution 2018 -2 Authorization to Create a State Surplus Redevelopment Initiative was presented.

The motion was made by Eric Scorsone to approve Resolution 2018-2– Authorization to Create a State Surplus Redevelopment Initiative as presented. Ronald Smedley seconded the motion. Motion carried without dissent.

10. Litigation Update

Patrick Ennis, General Counsel, reported upon the pending lawsuit filed by a former contractor (ADR) which is currently in the Court of Appeals. There were no other legal matters.

11. Adjournment

The motion was made by Ronald Smedley to adjourn. Laura Mester seconded the motion. Motion carried without dissent. The Chair adjourned the meeting at 9:41 a.m.